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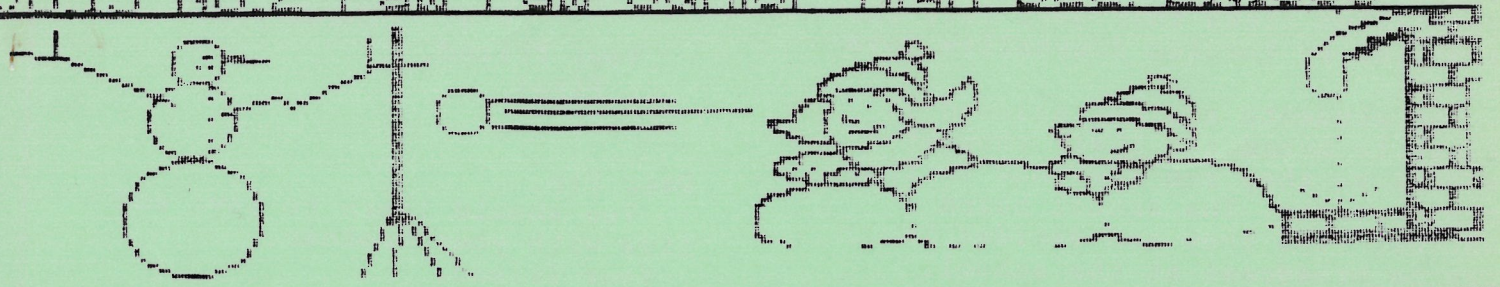


California Grape Vine
777 Raisin Ave.
Grapeville,CA 99922

Dear Editor:

I enjoy reading the California Grapevine but I believe that if you include more articles about the California Raisins you would sell me. These old grapes are really popular .If your newspaper were changed and had more articles, news and facts about the raisins, it would get more readers. Please consider my advice.

Yours truly,
a grapeful reader

THIRST in the HALLS of KNOWLEDGE

As I walk out of the room and into the hallway, a crowd of people push their way through another crowd. Nothing ele to do. I step into the long line. Just as I do I get hurled out of line, pushed down and stepped on. I get up and attempt to get in line again only to be sent on another loop. I get up , get back in line. The hall is starting to clear and I'm at the end of the line. Ahh haa. It's my turn. RING! I'm late for class. All this for a drink of water.

k.goodwin

WHERE'D IT GO?

I ran across the field
Knee-high in the snow
Falling several times on the way.
I made a snowball
And threw it into the air.
I watched to see where it would land,
But I looked to see
It never left my hand.

joe lassin

MRS. DAVIDSON RETURNS

Mrs. Davidson was out last year to have her first child. She is back this year and teaches all main subjects in the special education class room. Her areas of expertise are speech, English and broadcasting. She got her bachelors at CEntral Michigan and her masters degree at Wayne State University.

Her husband's name is John. She has one child, Andrew who is 15 months old. She has a cat named Guido. They need to get rid of him because he bites her son. She says he's a beautiful three year old neutered declawed Siamese.

Her hobbies are reading, metal working, singing and traveling.

Her favorite animals are cats. Her favorite vegetable is corn on the cob. Her favorite color is red. Her favorite food lasagna and her favorite records are Mannheim STeamrollers. The music she likes is classical.

She and Mrs. Swanson, believe it or not , have the same babysitters.

Her plans for the future are to continue working at Michigan Ave. Her dreams include going to England again.

t.charlier

DECEMBER and Winter's Soltice

While I look out the window, I see a snow -covered earth. Drenched by the wet snow fluttering from the heavens. I can feel the bitter cold of the sub-zero temperatures. I can hear the cold, hard rubber of a car's tires skidding on the wet cement. I can smell the pine from the trees outside. These are the sights of winter.

b/zinkil

TV 101 - Worth Watching

TV 101 is a new show on CBS on Tuesday nights. It's all about a journalism class that gets into the eighties by turning journalism into t.v.

The students are not allowed at first to broadcast their show at school so they run the show on free cable access. The school board watches the show and decides it can be broadcast at the school.

Mr. Keegan the teacher tries to help the kids, notjust teach them. In the first episode, Vance, one of the journalism student's best friends, dies. Vance takes the death badly. He tells the story of his friend on the cable channel telling people that maybe drugs aren't the way to go.

In the second episode, Vance still hasn'T got over the death. He decides to drop journalism. Mr. Keegan tries to convince him to remain but Vance insists. In the end though Vance deals with the death and comes back to 101.

This reporter liked the show. It is funny, sad, and really emotional. This is a show that will be here for a while. It's Tuesdays at 8:00 on channel 3.

e.miller

TOGETHER

We walk through the snow
holding hands.
We stop to let the snowflakes
melt on our faces.
He turns to face me,
Gently our lips touch ever so
lightly
I shiver
And he holds me more tightly.

a.cupani

I CARE

When you're hurt
I care.
When you're down
I care.
When you succeed
I'm there.
When you need me most
I'm there.
But now, I'm here.
Call me when you need me
And I'll be there.

e.pawlicki

DEAR SANTA,

I do not want anything but you can have my brother for an Elf.

P.S. Thank you.

Your friend,
Pippi

Dear Pip,
You should learn to love and live with your brother.
Your friend,
Santa

Dear Santa,
I want a Porsche and a condo in Florida.
Your friend,
Hernando

DFar Hernando,
I cannot give you these things bu maybe I can help you get the wisdom to get richso you can get them yourself.
Your friend,
Santa

Dear Santa,
I asked for a new stereo, 24 tapes and five pairs of Guess jeans for Christmas. You know what? I didn'T get exactly what I wanted. Instead I got two tapes, a pair of Lee jeans and candy. Ugh. The Lee's are generic. The tapes weren't too bad. The candy was terrible plus I'm watching my figure. You better get me what I want or I won't leave you any coookies or a coke.
Sincerely,
Angelina

Dear Angelina,
See you Christmas eve!

HoHoHo!

Why does Santa call his helpers elves?

Answer- He 's an elvis fan.
(groan)

SHOW CHOIR PERFORMS

Paw Paw's High School show choir is doing a performance for the Paw PAw Elks the 21st of December.

Thesongs they are oding are "Merry Christmas with Love", "Rejoice and Sing Noel","I Will Carol in the Morning" and "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year">

Those in the show choir are Leann Charlier, Jessica Kyriasis, Cory Coskey, Vicki Allgaier, John Kutrich, Amy Finley, Chris Williams, Chastity Knapp, Tanya Murdock, Cynthia Forbes, Many Leonard, Debbie Lumm, Chester Dillenbeck, Bob Wilkinson, Rachel Stoner, Jenny Lee, Jenny Burrows, Michele Champion, Robin Bonarksi, Amy Weatherwax and Wendy Guizenga.

FLESHER PRESIDENT

The Student Council officers are Ryan Flesher, president, Angela Wellington, vice president, Beth Chase, treasurer, and secretary Shannon Dudycha.

This year the student council hopes to accomplish getting the school a pay phone, getting more equipment for the gym and "anything that breaks."

School counselor Mr. Pefley said that all meetings will be held in the auditorium and will be every two weeks on WEdnesdays.

The order of a meeting includes agenda reading, treaure reports. the secertary takes attendance and old business is discussed. After that they go on to new business. They finish up with any voting that is needed.

When asked about himself, Ryan said "I like soccer, basketball and especially skateboarding." Ryan hopes to become a professional athlete with career as a scientist as an alternative.

a. diedrich

When it comes to Garage Sales He says "PARK IT."

Now that the garage sale season is over. Here are the facts. Your mother always takes everybody. She crunches eight people into a five-seat car.

She looks all over the state of Michigan for a good deal on plastic cups.

You ask her to stop and get something for you to drink. She says no and slaps you in the face. She won't feed you either. On to the next sale.

She keeps the windows up and turns the air conditioning off.

And then she passes a bottle of warm diet Pepsi around- in case you really are thirsty. It's hotter inside the bottle than out.

This is why I will never go to another garage sale with my mother again.

j.lassin

BAND CONCERT LAST NIGHT

The 7th and 8th grade bands have a concert the 20th of December in the middle school gym. The songs the 8th grade will play include "Fum Fum Fum", "The Twelve Days of Christmas", "The Lone Eagle March" and "Who Done it".

The 7th grade too will play. Their selections include "Christmas TRio", "Christmas Jollies", "Poco Pancho", and "Green Brier".

The Night Before Christmas Walk

A bird in the trees chirps a cheery song
A man wih cheery red cheeks walks down the street.
A group of people sing Christmas carols to a new family.
The good smells of Christmas cooking wander the street looking to draw people.
It's the day before Christmas morning
Little boys and girls are ready for bed
To wake up to a room full of toys.

n. grochowski

Hanukkah began December 4 and ended last week. The term refers to the Jewish festival of lights or the festival of dedication.

The Hanukkah lasts eight days. The story of Judas Maccabee is found in the Apocrypha books of the Bible.

In 164 b.c. after a three year struggle the Jews in Judea defeated the Syrians. They held a festival in the temple and every day they put a new candle on the menorah (candle holders) to show that the temple lamp kept burning fro eight days when there wasn't enough oil for one day.

Hanukkah these days includes giving gifts and giving to the poor as well as the lighting of the candles.

k.mccorkle

DEAR SAM,

Dear SAm,

My boyfriend acts like I have to keep us together. He always says "write me " or "call me". At the dance he wants to dance with other girls and that makes me mad. Shouldn't people going together stay together instead of doing things like dancing wih others?

Confused

Dear Confused,

I think it would be okay if my boyfriend danced with other girls but if he was flirting with them, then I'd talk to them. AS for his expecting you to keep you together, talk to him andlt him know you feel you can't do italone. It takes more than one person to hold a relationship together. Talk with him. It'sthe only way out.

Dear Sam,

There's this guy I really like but he's yonger than me and his parents think that the guy should be older. He always asks me to go with him. Then he breaks up with me the next day.I really liked him a lot. Although I still have feelings for him I cannot bear to face him. He just goes on and forgives people and goes with other people. I hopehe doesn'T leave them the way with no escape.

Thanks for listening

Dear Listen,

I can remember feeling that way and being in a similar situation. Stay friends with the guy and learn from the relationship.

Where Do Christmas Trees Come From?

The idea of the Christmas tree comes from medieval Germany from the Paradise tree. It is a type of evergreen. At first it was only used in plays but then it became popular with Germanfamilies. They would decorate with fruits and lighted candles. Thestar on top comes from a tradition of the star that led the Wise Men to Bethlehem.

r/peplinski

SING ALONG WITH US - Christmas Songs We like...

The Christmas opinion poll was definitely a change of pace. Rather than asking what everyone wanted for Christmas we asked what was the favorite Christmas song and why.

Grandma had better watch out or else she'll be crying since getting her run over by a reindeer seems foremost in everyone's minds. Thirty-nine people selected "Grandma Got Run over by a Reindeer" as their number one favorite.

Jeff Curry liked it as he said "because all the other songs are religious stuff and I never liked my Grandma." Most people preferred it because it was fun.

"Jingle Bells" was the favorite of 34 people while fifteen people liked "Frosty" and another fifteen liked "Rudolph." "Deck the Halls" was a favorite for fourteen people.

Fifteen liked "Jingle Bell Rock." "Silent Night" was a favorite for several people. Among them was Dan Hamre who said he 'd heard "all the way through school and it reminds me of old times." Stacy Yarbrough too liked "Silent Night"because it "reminds me of night."

"White Christmas" was the favorite of five while "Do You Hear What I hear ?" pleased four. Four people liked "Who Sends the Baby?" Four more liked "Twelve Days of Christmas."

Angel Roberts liked "I'll be home for Christmas" because "my mom sang it to me when I was really little."

Melissa Richmond liked "Blue Christmas" because she says "It's cool." Kollin Goodwin too liked it because,well,
"ba,ba,ba,ba,ba,ba,because."

The old traditionals got a few votes each-ones you'd expect like "O Christmas Tree", "Holly Jolly Christmas", "Silver Bells", and "We Wish you a Merry Christmas." And we do.

perkins, charlier, lawson, bennett & co.

A Perskwit? Huh?

What do you think a perskwit is? Here is a collection of possibilities from several eighth graders.

According to Crystal Lawson,"it is a mix between a purse and a Christmas tree skirt. When you put it together, it ends up that you hang it up.Since it has a skirt it is easy to vacuum under it. You can also lower it down when you have company. Itis electronic so there are no strings attached. You can amaze your guests with lifting it up by pressing a button. The purse part stores away until next Christmas."

"I found a perskwit in Florida in a swampy area. Perskwit is short for Perskwitsaurus. Itis a two billion year old dinosaur that weighs five million tons. It feeds on grass and tree leaves. Orange covers its head, tail and size 40 feet. The rest of it is army green with splotches of fluorescent red," said Hannah Ruggles.

"It speaks English and told me of its mother being killed during cavemen times. Ihave decided not to let scientists hear about my discovery since if they knew they would do experiments on it and dissect it. It would never lead a normal life again."

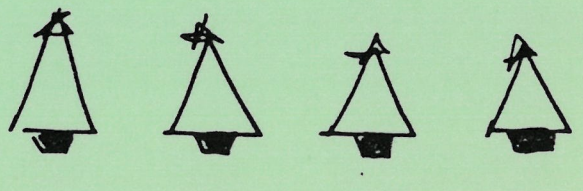
Bob Zinkil said "A perskwit is the most valuable thing in the world. It's worth more than ten times all the money in the world. It can change shapes so it could look like anything at any given time."

Sambo Barnett found one."Ithas seventeen legs and twelve eyeballs. It has thirteen antennae. It is green and black with pink and puple polka dots on the head and beige and red dots on its arms. On its legs it has orange and yellow dots. Warts and moles cover its back as do eleven tails. The left side has no flesh on it; it's just white bones."

"3015 stardate 642: WE discovered today an English-speaking creature that calls itself a perskwit. He's a small ball of standing fur about three inches high. He is very nice and brown. His innerself seems empty. He has dark white eyes," reports Nate Grochowski.

One lone explorer reports "The perswkit is a tree in the middle of a forest. It sings and dances, laughs and cries but most of all stays out there all alone. All the leaves float away and the sunlight doesn'teven try to reach it. The perskwit tries to stretch its bare limbs up to the sky but the clouds scatter aimlessly ignoring it. The tree dreams- of whirling winds, thick colorful leaves and soaring trees for company. He awakes to find it was not a dream. The leaves flood his arms and clouds, along with sunlight, are swooping over his branches. Perskwit has awakened from the dead of winter into the love of spring."

According to Stephanie Kowalski, "A perskwit is a fuzzy creature that is 2-3inches tall. It's like a mouse only cuter. It is one of the few wild creatures that can be handled by humans and enjoysthe attention. When a perskwit is happy, instead of wagging its tail o purring it just "squeaks."



Still More on... WHAT IS A PERSKWIT?

Jeff Hanson believes that " a perskwit is a small green creature with five arms and they are super long. It normally flies on a hang glider. Its mouth is the biggest part on him. This is because he eats garbage. It swoops down on its hang glider holding on with two hands and with the other three it eats garbage off the beaches and out of garbage cans.

It does such a good job that Waste Away decided to hire him. Now all garbage companies have perskwits and there are no more landfills, toxic waste, and pollutants in the world."

Finally Laurie Bennett finds a perskwit in "my locker. When I pulled out a book, a furry little guy was sitting there. He had rainbow furwith a trillion legs coming from his body. He was scared and shivering, making scared little noises. I asked him what was wrong. He feared I'd kills him."

"He explained his name was Perry and that he and his family live in school lockers. AS he said, 'you guys leave enough food here to feed an army so we eat what you leave. It keeps the locker from smelling and stuff. We missed that one guy's lockér downstairs though- the one with the milk in it.'"

Laurie continued," He said there used to 5000 of is but lately students have grown reckless and slam their books around. Many have been maimed and smothered under books. They have even been stepped on. At that moment the bell rang and I had to leave. I said 'See you later' as I slammed the locker door shut but Perry got in the way. He got smooshed!"

Basketball Begins for Boys

The boys' basketball season begins officially January 4 although the teams have been practicing since Thanksgiving.

The eighth grade team goes away against Galesburg-Augusta with the following members: Bob Zinkil, Dan Hamre, Jeff Curry, Shawn Dundon, Eric Laskovy, Rob Peplinski, Jake Pursley, Mike Curtis, Danny Owsiany, Josh Timmermans, Kelly Watterworth, Bryn Martin, Jeremy Brown, Josh Fytczyk, Tim Phillips, Jason Thornburg, Jamal Patterson, Stuart Blakely, Kris Carr, Randy McKenzie, Dale Smith, Ben Edinger and Jason Barr.

The Middle School Good Times

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7th Grade B' BALL

These are the members of the 7th grade team: Greg Blackburn, Paul Blakely, Jim Brown, Jeff Buentello, Sahwn Coffman, Dan Cronkwright, Kevin Enos, Mike Erickson, Travis Ernstes, Sean Evans Ryan Fleener, James Hamay, Ben Jack , Noel Jasso, Jeff Johnson, Mike Major, Dan McNeil, Rick Merrill, Brian Olson, Nathan Porter, Chris Pryer, Chris Root, Matt Schultz, Brad Spartz, Eric Sutherland, Justin Tapper, and Jacob Zachrich.

My braces freeze when I go outside!

by Angelina Cupani